

Remarks

Claims 56, 57, and 58 remain pending in this application. Claims 1-55 have been cancelled. Claims 56, 57, and 58 are re-presentations of former dependent claims 17, 37 and 44, respectively, in independent form.

In the Office Action of June 19, 2003, the Examiner rejected claims 1-16, 18-36, 38-43, and 45-55 and indicated that claims 17, 37, and 44 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-16, 18-36, 38-43, and 45-55. However, by this amendment, Applicant has cancelled all of the disallowed claims without prejudice and has re-presented all of the allowable claims in independent form such that only allowable claims remain in the present application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the disallowed claims in a continuation application. Thus, the claims of the present application are in condition for allowance and eventual issuance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any further questions or comments which need to be addressed in order to obtain allowance, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Acknowledgement of receipt is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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